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- 1) Notice of Appeal
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/855,402
Inventor: Christopher Bradfield et al.
Filed: 5/13/97

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bradfield et al.)
U.S. Serial No.: 08/855,402) Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed: May 13, 1997) Examiner J. Ulm
For: Ah Receptor cDNA and)
Genetically Engineered)
Cells for Detecting Agonists)
to the Ah Receptor)

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

The undersigned attorney received a Notice of Abandonment (Notice) mailed on May 20, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. The Notice indicated that the above-identified application was abandoned because Applicants failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action letter mailed on September 23, 2002.

Applicants filed a timely Notice of Appeal on December 20, 2002. The Notice of Appeal was filed with a signed Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice of Appeal and returned stamped postcard from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the Notice of Appeal was received.

Thereupon, in view of the above documentation, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that this application be returned to pending status.

If any additional fees are incurred as the result of the filing of this paper, authorization is given to charge deposit account number 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000. provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:	08/855,402
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 27 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Changes to the Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted:
 - i. Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other: Request for Removal of a Holding of Abandonment, Petition for Extension of Time

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Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$140.00	\$
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TOTAL	\$

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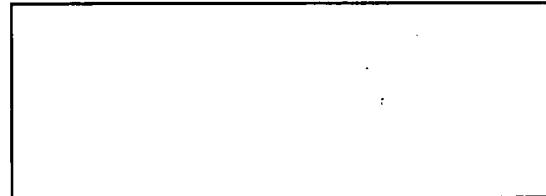
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